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SUBJECT: SECURITY SITUATION, LUANDA JULY 22

1. QUIET WEEKEND, WITH INTENSIVE MILITARY CONTROL ESPECIALLY IN AFRICAN RESIDENTIAL AREAS. NIGHT-TIME RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL CONTINUE. MILITARY HAVE NOW COMPLETED SWEEP OF ALL AREAS, REPORT CONSIDERABLE WEAPONS COLLECTED. HARDEST HIT ARE BLACK RESIDENTS WHOSE USUAL MEANS OF SUPPLY, ESPECIALLY FOOD, HAVE BEEN WIPED OUT AS WHITE SHOPKEEPERS FLED OR WERE FORCED TO ABANDON MUCEQUES. ARMY DISTRIBUTING FOOD AT COST, BUT THIS DOES NOT HELP THOSE ACCUSTOMED TO LIVING ON CREDIT. SUDDEN SHORTAGE OF CASH-IN-HAND HAS SOBERED POPULACE, AND IS LEADING TO MANY INDIVIDUAL CASES OF

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HARDSHIP. MARKED INCREASE IN VOLUME OF NATIVES DEPARTING BY TRAIN

AND BUS BACK TO HOMES IN INTERIOR.

2. POLICE COMMANDER (ARMY COLONEL) PRIVATELY INFORMED CONGEN JULY 21 THAT NUMBER OF PRISONERS NOW EXCEEDS 700, AND AUTHORITIES UNDECIDED WHERE TO PUT THEM. HE SAID THERE IS SOME TALK OF REACTIVATING SAO NICOLAU POLITICAL (DGS) PRISON IN SOUTH, ALTHOUGH PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT OF DOING SO COULD BE SERIOUS. MANY OF PRISONERS ARE IN FACT EX-INMATES OF SAO NICOLAU. HE ALSO REPORTS THAT AS OF JULY 19 ONLY SIXTEEN (16) OF ESTIMATED 350 TAXI DRIVERS HAD TURNED IN WEAPONS. (IT IS WIDELY ASSUMED THAT DISARMING OF POPULACE DIRECTED PRIMARILY AT BLACKS.) POLICE COMMANDER ALSO SAID ALTHOUGH PIM (SUCCESSOR TO DGS) HAS BEEN FORMALLY ABOLISHED, FAR FROM DISMANTLING DGS AND PROSECUTING THOSE GUILTY OF PAST CRIMES "DGS CONTINUES TO FUNCTION NORMALLY AND IN FACT IS BEING STRENGTHENED, UNDER ARMY COVER, BECAUSE OF LAST WEEK'S EVENTS".

3. COMMENT: THERE IS NO INDICATION WHEN UNDECLARED MARTIAL LAW WILL BE LIFTED, NOR IS IT VERY CLEAR WHO IS IN CHARGE, OTHER THAN FIGUREHEAD CINC GENERAL FRANCO PINHEIRO WHO ISSUES DAILY BULLETINS SAYING THINGS ARE IMPROVING STEADILY. THEY ARE.
BRIGGS

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